

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled).

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) A protective coat-forming coating composition primarily comprising:

100 parts by weight of a co-hydrolyzate of a mixture of

(i) a disilane compound having the formula (A):



wherein R^1 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, Y is a divalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom, X is a hydrolyzable group, and m is 1, 2 or 3, or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof, and

(ii) a fluorinated organo group-containing organosilicon compound having the formula (B):



wherein R_f is a monovalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom and X is a hydrolyzable group or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof,

wherein the content of component (i) is 95% by weight to 99.5% ~~60% by weight to less than 100%~~ by weight of the mixture;

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of fine particles of an inorganic oxide, and

a solvent in such an amount that the content of the solvent is 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition.

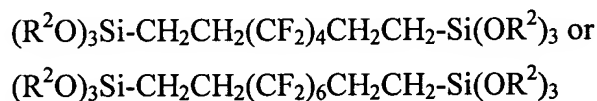
4. (currently amended) The coating composition of claim 3, [[1]] wherein Y in formula (A) is



wherein n is 2 to 20.

5. (currently amended) The coating composition of claim 3 [[1]], further comprising 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition of a solvent.

6. (currently amended) The coating composition of claim 3 [[1]], wherein the disilane compound of formula (A) is



wherein R^2 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

7. (currently amended) The coating composition of claim 3 [[1]], which cures into a coat having a refractive index of up to 1.410.

8. (currently amended) A coated article comprising a transparent substrate and a cured coat formed thereon from the protective coat-forming coating composition of claim 3 [[1]], serving as a chemical resistant film.

9. (currently amended) A coated article comprising a transparent substrate and a cured coat formed thereon from the protective coat-forming coating composition of claim 3 [[1]], serving as an antireflection film.

10. (withdrawn) A coated article comprising
a transparent substrate,
a layer formed thereon having a higher refractive index than the substrate, and
a cured coat formed on the high refractive index layer from the protective coat-forming
coating composition of claim 1, serving as an antireflection film.

11. (withdrawn) The coated article of claim 10, further comprising a mar resistant
protective layer between the substrate and the high refractive index layer.

12. (withdrawn) The coated article of claim 10 wherein the high refractive index layer
comprises a metal oxide sol.

13. (withdrawn) The coated article of claim 12 wherein the metal oxide sol contains at
least one element selected from among Ti, Sn, Ce, Al, Zr and In.

14. (withdrawn) The coated article of claim 10 wherein a coating composition from
which the high refractive index layer is formed is thermosetting or photo-curing.

15. (withdrawn) The coated article of claim 11 wherein a coating composition from
which the protective layer is formed is thermosetting or photo-curing.

16. (original) The coated article of claim 8 wherein said transparent substrate comprises
an organic resin and/or an inorganic material such as glass or ceramics.

17. (original) The coated article of claim 8 wherein said transparent substrate comprises a
polycarbonate resin, polyalkylene terephthalate resin, cellulose triacetate resin, polystyrene resin
or polyolefin resin.

18. (withdrawn) A multilayer laminate comprising the coated article of claim 8, a tackifier or adhesive layer lying on the transparent substrate side of the coated article, and a release layer lying thereon.

19. (withdrawn) The multilayer laminate of claim 18 wherein said transparent substrate is a film.